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Response to Notice of

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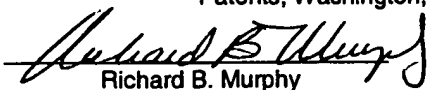
This Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment ("Response") is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 23, 2002 ("Notice") in the above referenced patent application.

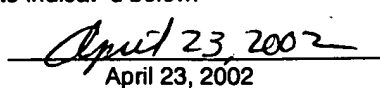
TIME FOR RESPONSE

The Notice set a shortened statutory period for response of one month or 30 days (whichever is longer) resulting in a due date of February 23, 2002 extendible pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Accompanying this Response is a petition for a two month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and payment of the requisite fee provided in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(2) thereby extending the time for response until April 23, 2002. Consequently, Applicants believe that this Response is timely filed.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

The undersigned hereby certifies that the attached correspondence is being deposited as First Class Mail with sufficient postage with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on the date indicated below.


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